

Wednesday, October 25th, 2023

Dear families and students,

UPCOMING DATES:

- Monday, October 30th: PAC meeting 7:15 pm in the library. Hope to see you there!
- Tuesday, October 31st: Halloween
 - Students may be choosing to wear their Halloween costumes to school on Tuesday. Please be aware of the following expectations:
 - Full face masks are not permitted while at school
 - Any weapons/replica weapons must be left at home
 - Costumes should not have blood or gore that could scare our younger students
 - Costumes must be both culturally respectful and trauma sensitive

If you would like to participate in this year's Halloween parade, sign up is **THIS MONDAY (October 30th)** at lunch. The sign-up sheets will be at the front of the school, near the office! Sign up as a group or individual to win a special prize! The winner of the individual contest wins a cafeteria gift card, and the winners of the group contest will win something special!

- Monday, November 6th: Photo Retakes in the morning (small Gym)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Congratulations to two of our Francophone students who won a bursary!

They received \$1,000 for their project proposal over the weekend during a retreat with the *Conseil jeunesse francophone de la Colombie-Britannique*. They will use the money to put their project into action for the Francophone students NDSS.

Their proposal focussed on organizing weekend tours to Vancouver so that Francophone students can have guided tours of French programs at UBC and SFU, a chance to connect to graduates of the CSF Francophone program and of French programs at the universities, as well as fun activities and social time to connect as Francophone students.

Thank you to the Lacrosse Academy players for volunteering!

The students who are attending our Palm Springs tournament are volunteering at the haunted house over the course of the Halloween season. They are volunteering their time (4:30pm to 10pm) at the Huards Haunted House. They were either live actors or parking lot attendants.

Your help is needed!

The library will be hosting a Living Library event November 21-24th. A Living Library is a dynamic, interactive event where people from our community become "books." Each "book" represents a unique and personal story, experience, or perspective. Students participating in the event can "check out" these living books for a small group conversation, allowing for a deeper understanding of different backgrounds, beliefs, and life journeys. This year's theme is Mental Health stories. We are currently looking for members of our local community who would be willing to share a part of their life story with a small group of ND students, please feel free to email [Melissa Kullman](mailto:Melissa.Kullman) for more information. Deadline to sign-up is November 6th.

eConsent:

October 15, 2023 was the deadline to receive tech/cloud consent from parents/caregivers.

Starting October 20, 2023, any student without a tech/cloud consent response *recorded into the eConsent app* will have their access to cloud apps through their learn68 account suspended until a YES response has been entered.

In eConsent, no response = no consent

The eCloud form can be resent if you have not responded, please remember to check your JUNK MAIL folder.

Note: Students use their learn68 accounts to access educational apps in the 'cloud' such as Google Classroom, MS 365/Teams, Canvas and more.

NDSS currently has a response rate of 75%, which means that as of October 20th, 25% of our students will lose access to learn68 and cloud apps. Please ensure that you complete these to avoid disruption in service!

ATTACHMENTS

1. Assessment info and samples
2. Assessment schedule for families Oct. 30 – Nov. 2
3. Living Library
4. Math Support List – Math Support Offered to Students by Their Math Teachers

Have a great week, everyone!

Sincerely,
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